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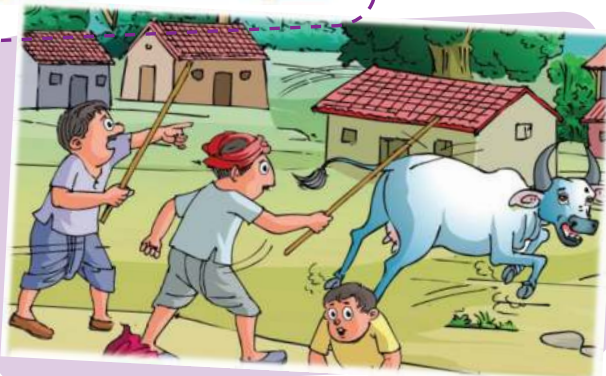
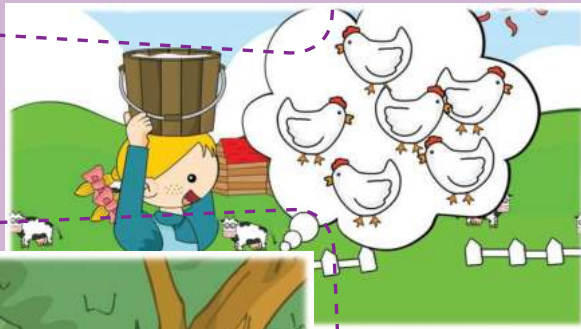
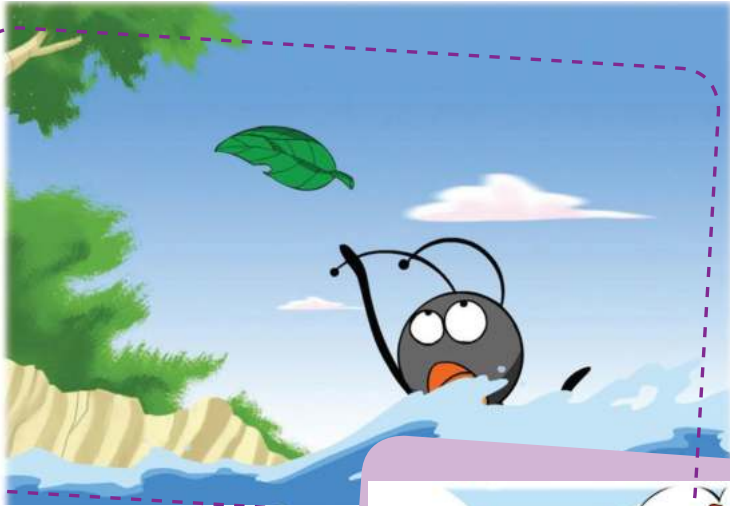
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The Greedy Dog Loses His Bone

A. What is the correct order of the pictures? Can you guess the story?



B. Read the story.

The Greedy Dog Loses His Bone

It happened that a Dog had got a piece of meat and was carrying it home in his mouth to eat it in peace. Now on his way home he had to cross a plank lying across a running brook. As he crossed, he looked down and saw his own shadow reflected in the water beneath. Thinking it was another dog with another piece of meat, he made up his mind to have that also. So he growled at the shadow in the water, but as he opened his mouth the piece of meat fell out, dropped into the water and was never seen more.

C. What is the message of this story?

D. Match words with the same meaning.

.....	greedy	1. board
.....	lose	2. below
.....	plank	3. acquisitive
.....	brook	4. stream
.....	reflect	5. bark
.....	beneath	6. send back
.....	growl	7. miss

E. Discuss the following questions.

1. What is greed? How greedy are you?
2. What do you think of people who are greedy?
3. Is greed a good or bad human trait?
4. Are we all greedy?
5. Why do we want more?
6. How much is enough?
7. Should there be a limit to how wealthy someone can be?
8. Why are a lot of people greedy?
9. Why do so many people believe societal problems are caused by greed?
10. Is greed compatible with good citizenship? Explain.

The Ant and the Dove

A. Read the first part of the fable (Don't look at the pictures.) and make an end for the story.

An Ant went to the river to quench his thirst, but the rush of the water carried him away and the Ant was now struggling to save his life. A Dove sitting on a tree overhanging the water, seeing him, plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The Ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank.

B. Now look at the pictures and tell the story.

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B. Put the sentences in the correct order and revise your stories.

..... The Lion was so much in love that he had his claws and his big teeth removed.

..... A Lion once fell in love with a beautiful girl.

..... The Lion asked the girl's parents to let him marry their daughter.

..... At last the father said: "We fear that you might possibly do our daughter some injury.

..... But when he came again to the parents of the young girl they hit him and drove him away.

..... You should have your claws and your teeth removed.

..... The old people did not like to give their daughter to the Lion, yet they did not wish to make the king of the animals angry.

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C. Read the meaning of the given words and then put the words in the provided blanks in the story. Be careful to use correct form of the words.

propose: to ask someone to marry you

maiden: a young girl or woman who is not married

enrage: to make someone very angry

beast: an animal, especially a large or wild one

tender: easily hurt or damaged

vehemence: the display of strong feeling; passion

affection: a feeling of liking for a person or place

venture: to say or do something in an uncertain way because you are afraid it is wrong or will seem stupid

extract: to remove or take out something

trim: to cut a small amount from something to make it tidy or to remove parts that you do not need

bid (past form bade): to invite; to ask kindly; to order; to command

The Lion in Love

A Lion once fell in love with a beautiful and marriage to her parents. The old people did not know what to say. They did not like to give their daughter to the Lion, yet they did not wish to the King of At last the father said: "We feel highly honoured by your Majesty's proposal, but you see our daughter is a young thing, and we fear that in the of your you might possibly do her some injury. Might I to suggest that your Majesty should have your claws removed, and your teeth, then we would gladly consider your proposal again." The Lion was so much in love that he had his claws and his big teeth taken out. But when he came again to the parents of the young girl they simply laughed in his face, and him do his worst.

F. What's the moral of the story?

G. Read the following sentences and discuss which sentence suits this fable better.

- Love can tame the wildest.
- Think before you put yourself into someone else's power.
- Do not let love change who you are.
- Listen to your parents.

H. Discuss the following questions.

1. How important is love? What would your life be like without love?
2. Do you think it is possible to love everyone?
3. How and why do people fall out of love?
4. Does love last forever?
5. Has love changed over the past 10,000 years?
6. Are there any rules to love?
7. What kind of love is the best love? (romantic love, love you have for your friends, love for God or nature, familial love, the love you express to the world at large, and the love you have for yourself)
8. Do you love yourself? Should you do so?
9. Do you think everyone has the same feelings of love or hate?
10. Can love be a negative emotion? Can hate be a positive emotion?

The Peddler and His Donkey

A. Read the first paragraph of the story, then look at the pictures and guess the rest of the story. Pictures are in the correct order.

The peddler and his donkey

There was once a peddler who kept a donkey, and when he heard that some cheap salt was being sold at the seaside, he drove his donkey there to buy some. After having loaded the donkey with as much salt as it could carry, the peddler drove him home alongside a slippery ledge of rock, until the donkey accidentally fell into the river below. When the salt dissolved, the donkey was relieved of his burden so that he reached the bank with ease. Then he continued his journey, light in body and spirit.



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B. Read the second part of the story and then guess what happens next.

Sometime later, the peddler set off for the seashore for some more salt and loaded the donkey, if possible, with even more salt than before. On their way home, they crossed the river into which the donkey had previously fallen, and this time he slipped into the water on purpose. Once again the salt dissolved, and the donkey was relieved of his load.

C. What would you do if you were the peddler? How will you manage to teach the donkey a lesson? Read the rest of the story and guess what happens at last.

Disturbed by the loss of the salt, the peddler tried to think of a way to cure his donkey from performing this trick. So, on his next journey to the coast, he placed a load of sponges on the beast. When they arrived at the same river as before, the donkey was up to his old tricks and **rolled** himself into the water. But the sponges became **soaking** wet, and the donkey discovered to his **dismay** that his burden had doubled its weight instead of getting lighter.

D. What's the moral of the story?

E. Which moral suits this story better? Do you know any stories related to each of these morals?

- a. The same ploy will not suit all circumstances.
- b. Avoiding work leads to more work.
- c. Work with honesty and sincerity because laziness will ruin you.
- d. You can befool a person a few times but not always.
- e. Don't try a trick too often or it will turn against you.
- f. You should know that, those who are too clever sometimes over reach themselves.

F. Has anyone ever cheated you? What happened?

G. Have you ever cheated someone who tried to make you do something you didn't like to do? What did you do and what happened?

H. Is being clever and naughty and doing things like this always considered as something bad?